THE MADRAS LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Monday, the 21st April 1947.

The House met in the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at three of the clock, Mr. President (THE HON. SRI R. B. RAMAKRISHNA RAJU) in the Chair.

I.—SWEARING IN OF A NEW MEMBER.

Sir James Doak was sworn in.

II.—QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

STARRED QUESTIONS.

Export of yarn outside this Province.

* 147-A *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state whether the system of giving special permits for export outside this Province either of yarn or cloth, mill-made and hand-woven, is still continued and if so, on what basis such exports are permitted and licences granted?

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI:—" No special permits for the export of yarn or mill-made cloth outside this Province are given by this Government. As regards handloom cloth all exgratia quotas and special permits for export outside this Province have been suspended until further orders."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO:—" May I know whether it is a suspension or stoppage of permits altogether?"

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI:—" As I have already stated that it is suspension until further orders for the present."

Oriental Manuscripts Library, Madras.

* 122 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of manuscript and printed books in the Madras Government Oriental Manuscripts Library;

(*b*) whether catalogues of manuscripts have been published for each of the languages and if so, what the number of catalogues is according to language;

(*c*) what the staff engaged in the preparation of the catalogues is and whether it is adequate to complete the work within a reasonable period of time;

(*d*) whether the Library is being utilized for consultation and if so what the average number of users is;